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SWIM OR SINK

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams will try to continue their past successes as they host Lewis University this weekend

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The Eastern football is on the road this weekend and will be going head-on with Murray State at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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State Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon), addresses the Student Senate Wednesday night in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Righter talks future budget issues

By Chrissy Miller
News Editor | @DEN_News

State Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon) said the possibility of a gridlock in the state budget is still a possibility for the future after addressing the Student Senate at its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday.

"Higher education should be prepared for another impasse," Righter said in an interview with *The Daily Eastern News*. "It's my hope that that will not happen, but the gridlock that was broken this past summer, the factors that create that gridlock are still out there."

Righter said even if a budget is passed, more cuts still need to be made, including another 5 percent in most areas of state government outside of public education spending.

"Next year, I think we are looking ahead at some very serious challenges, including again on the budget," Righter said. "We will have to cut more in order to even live within the new means the tax increase, which became law in July, provides."

Student Executive Vice President Derek Pierce said he is curious to see what these issues will mean for higher education in the future.

These budget issues could result in anything from institutions of higher education becoming more specialized to the continued trend of more classes being offered online, Righter said.

Pierce said he was also curious about what lawmakers' perceptions of Eastern are.

"I don't like the publicity that's been in Springfield for the last 3 or 4 years for Eastern, the last 2 or 3 years, because it's about, 'OK, is Eastern going to go under?' I mean that's the talk, that's the buzz that gets started," Righter said. "That's not a good thing. Some people think, 'Well, that's good because if there's extra money along Eastern gets to the front of the line.' That's not, that's not good. We need to talk about the academic excellence that is (at) Eastern."

While concerns were raised about research funding at Eastern, Righter said it is unlikely funding for the area will increase in the near future.

"I do not see any significant progress in that in the next 2 or 3 years because the money is still too tight. You've got a hugely significant research institution 45 minutes up the road and quite frankly, that's



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State Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon), answers students questions about the budget and Eastern's future at a Student Senate meeting on Wednesday.

a problem for everybody else," Righter said. "In the end, just like Eastern is competing for students with all the other universities, well, Eastern, like every other university, is competing for dollars over in the Capitol building."

Student senate member Colt Bible asked what was being done by state representatives to encourage students graduating from college to stay in Illinois.

"Not much," Righter said. "Graduates from institutions of higher learning, unless they have a specific place in mind that they want to go, they look for the economic opportunities, right? The economic opportunities in Illinois relative to other states have not

been encouraging and that is a direct result of the economic policies that are set in Springfield."

Righter said state universities have not been as competitive as they need to be with out-of-state universities.

"The enhanced support from Springfield will not be forthcoming until Illinois makes a decision as a state, as a policy matter to return our emphasis of where we spend our public dollars back to public education," Righter said.

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New faculty searches allowed

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After several years of dealing with hiring freezes at the university, 14 faculty searches of both Unit A, or tenure track, and Unit B, or annually contracted faculty members have been authorized by Eastern President David Glassman.

There were nearly 40 requests for new faculty made when the searches were announced.

The seven Unit A searches are for communication studies, elementary education, biological sciences, chemistry, marketing, accounting and finance.

Unit B searches will take place in the school of technology, counseling, creative writing, clinical psychology, art education, computer science and criminology.

Provost Jay Gatrell said these searches are part of a three-year plan to address critical instructional needs at the university.

"We had to look at program need, accreditation," Gatrell said. "(We looked at) the curriculum we have to teach, made sure that curriculum is delivered and then we looked at the resources we had."

Even with a budget passed by the state alleviating some of the university's funding woes, it is still a conservative spending year, which will govern what the administration is able to do in terms of faculty hires.

"We have more needs, we're going to address them in the future," Gatrell said.

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Happy Fall Break

No classes, paper this Friday

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Because of Fall Break, there will be no classes and The Daily Eastern News will not print on Friday.

There will be no reservation dining in Stevenson Hall on Thursday. Taylor Dining will be closed at 7 p.m. and Thomas Dining will be closed at 8 p.m. Thursday. All dining centers will be consolidated in Thomas for the rest of Fall Break.

The University Food Court will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and closed on Friday. Java Beanery and Bakery will be closed for Fall Break.

The Gregg Technology Center will be closed on Friday as well to service machines in the labs and classrooms, according to the university newsletter. Reservations for equipment checkouts will also be suspended during this time. The center will reopen at 7 a.m. Monday per its regular fall hours.

The Booth Library's hours will remain the same as its regular weekend hours during Fall Break.

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Vegas police to explain response time

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Pressure mounted Wednesday for Las Vegas police to explain how quickly they reacted to what would become the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history after two hotel employees reported a gunman spraying a hallway with bullets six minutes before he opened fire on a crowd at a musical performance.

On Monday, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo revised the chronology of the shooting and said the gunman, Stephen Paddock, had shot a hotel security guard through the door of his suite and strafed a hallway of the

Mandalay Bay hotel and casino with 200 rounds six minutes before he unleashed a barrage of bullets into the crowd.

That account differed dramatically from the one police gave last week when they said Paddock ended his hail of fire on the crowd in order to shoot through his door and wound the unarmed guard, Jesus Campos.

Maintenance worker Stephen Schuck told NBC News that he was checking out a report of a jammed fire door on the 32nd floor of Mandalay Bay when he heard gunshots and the hotel security guard who had been

shot in the leg peeked out from an alcove and told him to take cover.

Gunshots can be heard in the background as Schuck used his radio to report the shooting, telling a dispatcher: "Call the police, someone's firing a gun up here. Someone's firing a rifle on the 32nd floor down the hallway."

Las Vegas authorities did not respond to questions about whether hotel security or anyone else in the hotel called 911 to report the gunfire.

"Our officers got there as fast as they possibly could and they did what they were trained to do," Las Vegas assistant sheriff Todd Fasulo said previously.

The six minutes wouldn't have been enough time for officers to stop the attack, said Ron Hosko, a former FBI assistant director who has worked on SWAT teams.

Rather than rush in without a game plan, police would have been formulating the best response to the barricaded gunman, he said.

"Maybe that's enough time to get the first patrolman onto the floor but the first patrolman is not going to go knock on that customer's door and say 'What's going on with 200 holes in the door?'" Hosko said.

Deadly California fires explodes

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — The wildfires tearing through California wine country flared anew Wednesday, growing in size and number as authorities issued new evacuation orders and announced that hundreds more homes and businesses had been lost. The death toll climbed to 21 and was expected to rise higher still.

At least 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed since the fires started Sunday, making them the third deadliest and most destructive blazes in state history.

"We have had big fires in the past. This is one of the biggest, most serious, and it's not over," Gov. Jerry Brown said at a news conference, alongside the state's top emergency officials, who said that 8,000 firefighters and other personnel were battling the blazes and more re-

sources were pouring in from Oregon, Nevada, Washington and Arizona.

Nearly three days after the flames ignited, firefighters were still unable to gain control of the blazes. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman Daniel Berlant said 22 wildfires were burning, up from 17 on Tuesday.

"Make no mistake, this is a serious, critical, catastrophic event," said Ken Pimlott, chief of the department. He said the fires have burned through a staggering 265 square miles (686 square kilometers) of urban and rural areas. The return of high winds and low humidity ignited ground that was parched from years of drought.

As the fires grow, officials voiced concern that separate fires would merge into even larger infernos.

Flames have raced across the wine-growing region and the scenic coastal area of Mendocino farther north, leaving little more than smoldering ashes and eye-stinging smoke in their wake. Whole neighborhoods are gone, with only brick chimneys and charred appliances to mark sites that were once family homes.

Authorities ordered more evacuations for parts of Sonoma Valley after a blaze grew to 44 square miles (113 square kilometers).

Sonoma County Sheriff Robert Giordano said hundreds of people were still reported missing. But officials believe many of those people will be found because chaotic evacuations and poor communications over the past few days have made locating friends and family difficult.

Man pleads not guilty to new charge in Chinese scholar case

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A 28-year-old accused in the abduction of a University of Illinois scholar from China has pleaded not guilty to a new, more serious charge of kidnapping resulting in death.

The 26-year-old Zhang was last seen June 9. She is presumed dead, though her body hasn't been found.

Christensen was already facing a kidnapping charge. But a grand jury last week returned a superseding indictment that included allegations Zhang's death involved torture or serious physical abuse.

The new charge carries a possible death penalty or mandatory life sentence. The trial is scheduled for Feb. 27.

Pipeline can continue operating

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that the Dakota Access oil pipeline can continue operating while a study is completed to assess its environmental impact on an American Indian tribe.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg's decision will come as a blow to the Standing Rock Sioux, who have argued that an oil spill from the pipeline under Lake Oahe — from which the tribe draws its water — could have a detrimental effect on the tribal community.

Boasberg found that it is likely the Army Corps of Engineers will be able to justify previous decisions made while permitting the pipeline.

Boasberg also acknowledged that

shutting down the pipeline would disrupt the energy industry, but said it wasn't a major factor in his decision.

The \$3.8 billion pipeline built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners has been operating since June 1, moving oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution point in Illinois. From there it can be shipped to the Gulf Coast and potentially lucrative markets abroad. It has the capacity to move half of the oil produced daily in North Dakota, the nation's second-leading producer behind Texas.

Energy industry officials applauded Boasberg's ruling, with North Dakota Petroleum Council President Ron Ness calling the pipeline "a critical part of American energy infrastructure."

The Justice Department declined comment on behalf of the Corps.

Hasselmann said Boasberg's ruling isn't appealable.

President Donald Trump had pushed for the pipeline's completion, and the Corps dropped a plan to conduct more environmental study after he took office.

Boasberg ruled on June 14 that the Corps largely complied with environmental law, but he ordered the agency to reconsider certain areas of its analysis, and took arguments on whether to shut down the 1,200-mile (1,930-kilometer) pipeline while the work is done.

Pride flag flies at US monument, not on federal land

NEW YORK (AP) — Gay rights activists who worked to get a rainbow flag installed at the new Stonewall National Monument in New York City are upset the National Park Service says the flag is not actually on federal land but on city property.

The distinction may seem like a minor one because the flag is flying either way. But the group that lobbied for the flag to be flown at the site says the Park Service's announcement the city, not the federal government, would be maintaining the flag seems like a betrayal.

The Park Service says no slight was intended.

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More gender-neutral bathrooms on the horizon

By Kennedy Nolen
Multicultural Reporter | @KennedyNolenEIU

Different faculty and staff members on campus are working on implementing gender-neutral bathrooms in academic buildings.

Jessica Ward, the coordinator for the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity, said she has been working on this project since the beginning of the Spring 2017 semester.

At least one gender-inclusive bathroom is located in each residence hall and has been since 2010 or 2011.

Ward worked in Taylor Hall at the time when these bathrooms were being introduced on campus. When someone walks into the hall, the first

bathroom they see near the female and male bathroom was turned into a gender inclusive bathroom.

A gender inclusive bathroom is also located in the 24-hour lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“We don’t have a sign maker right now, so there is no sign on it,” Ward said.

Another gender-inclusive bathroom is located in the basement of the Student Services Building.

Ward said multiple faculty and staff members are doing a big push right now and have the permission to start the project, but they are just waiting on funding.

“I think with our trans and gender non-conforming students, the bathroom can be a really

intimidating place,” Ward said. Ward said she has spoken with transgender students who have mentioned how they have waited to use the bathroom until they can get back to their hall or somewhere they know is a safe place.

“I think it says a lot if someone walks in (an academic building), and they automatically see this is a safe place. It automatically takes some of that stress down,” Ward said. While they are pushing for the bathroom because of the trans population at Eastern, there are other uses for them as well.

“You can use it as a family bathroom or whatever is needed,” Ward said.

Ward and English professor Terri Fredrick walked around campus and through academic

buildings to find which bathrooms would be best suited to become gender-inclusive.

She said once the funding is available, the bathrooms should be changed over.

Housing and Dining Services, the Council on University Planning and Budgeting and other faculty members have given support for the project.

“We did the research that was needed, we provided the proposal and we have been really lucky,” Ward said. “Unfortunately because of (funding), it has taken a little bit. But it is in the works, so it should be happening soon.”

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Say it loud, say it proud



ADRIAN BOLAJI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Valerie Ponce, a junior communication studies major, writes her name on a door commemorating National Coming Out Day on Wednesday in the Library Quad. “National Coming Out Day is a very special day for the LGBTQA+ community because it just really shows how loving and supporting we are no matter what you identify as,” Ponce said. “We’re here to support you in your coming out stories, and if you feel strong enough and you have the people to support you, we’re right here with you and want you to be accepted by society for who you are and who you identify as.”

Triva night to challenge

By Travis Moody
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“Think You’re Smart? Prove It!” is the slogan of the upcoming trivia night which aims to challenge students and members of the community.

Charleston’s second annual Trivia Challenge is set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Audrey Edwards, the event organizer, said last year, she decided to do more to contribute to the Coles County Democrats. She came up with the idea for trivia night, and worked to make the competition possible.

This year, she got in contact with EIU Democrats, Coles County Democrats and Coles County Progressives and formed a committee to put together Trivia Night.

Edwards said she hopes students will choose the contest as their Thursday night out.

Edwards said trivia topics will include U.S. geography, U.S. history, medicine, fictional characters, grammar, fashion, pop culture and food/nutrition among other things.

Edwards said students can bring a team of up to six players, or be assigned to a team at the door.

Admission is \$5 per student and \$10 for non-students. Each member of the winning team will receive a \$20 prize.

Players may register from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and

choose a team name that reflects their identity.

Paul Wieck, the chair of the Coles County Democrats said the Coles County Democrats decided to sponsor Trivia Night because having a gathering like this provides the opportunity for progressive minds to get together and discuss current issues facing the country.

“Given the chaos in the state and nationally, it’s important that individuals learn about issues with an open mind,” Wieck said. “Many people only pay attention on election years, and we want to bring attention to issues more often than that.”

Wieck said with only 52 percent of the country voting, 27 percent of the country is deciding what is best for the nation.

“That doesn’t sound like democracy to me,” Wieck said. “A lot of folks tend only to vote during presidential years, so other elections have an even lower turnout than that.”

The money raised will be distributed evenly among EIU College Democrats, Coles County Progressives and Coles County Democrats.

Edwards said it is not just about fundraising, and it allows for an opportunity for anyone to begin to get involved in the democratic process.

Anyone who would like to make an additional donation may write a check to any of the above organizations and send it to Trivia, c/o Paula Enstrom, P.O. Box 221, Charleston, IL 61920.

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HAPPY FALL BREAK FROM EVERYONE AT THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS!

The Daily Eastern News will not publish Friday, October 13.
We will resume regular publication on Monday, October 16.

Indulge without guilt



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Staff Editorial

The issue is about more than just bathrooms

Among other hotly-debated topics involving transgender people, gender-inclusive bathrooms have been something people have shown strong approval and disapproval of in recent years.

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was mentioned there is currently at least one gender-inclusive bathroom is in each residence hall, as well as one in the 24-hour lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the basement of the Student Services Building.

This is a good first step, but it is not enough. Some people would argue a step like this is already going too far. However, those with this mindset need to consider how it would feel to not be comfortable or safe in their own skin.

We may not have control of what is happening around us, but at the very least people, no matter what race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation they are, should have the right to control their own bodies and represent themselves in a way that makes them feel comfortable.

It is exhausting wandering around feeling like there is no place on Earth where you are welcome and belong. No one should have to experience that feeling.

This world is big enough for all of us. We are all humans who struggle and have insecurities. However, instead of sticking together people begin to focus on labels and differences from a young age.

We allow this "us against them" mentality to develop because it makes us feel safe and powerful. It is important to remember that this mentality, when taken to the extreme, can also desensitize us as we destroy other people.

People who assert their power by tearing others apart are the real monsters, not some person who just wants to use a bathroom they feel safe in.

To those who use their power to make other's lives miserable, answer this: What makes your lives more valuable than anyone else's?

One thing is certain: this issue is not just about bathrooms.

It is about giving other human beings basic respect. It is about finding common ground.

Just because an idea might be different from your own beliefs, does not mean it is wrong. Disagreements do not have to lead to violence.

Even having to explain this is representative of a bigger problem with society. It is time we took a good hard look at ourselves and fix it.

According to Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, "Housing and Dining Services, the Council on University Planning and Budgeting and other faculty members have given support for the project."

This is just one project in one small university in Illinois, but it is a step forward. Big or small, progress is better than remaining stagnant.

You do not have to be supportive of change. In fact, many are not. However, at the very least try to recognize that other people do face struggles that may be hard for you to understand since you have not had the same life experiences.

In cases where your understanding may be lacking, do research. Base your opinion in solid facts and be empathetic to the fact whether or not an issue affects you, it affects someone.

Also keep in mind that a person has just as much of a right to be here as you and deserves just as much respect.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Camp, cats and condiments: summer tales

Over the summer, I spent 10 weeks living at a fine arts camp in the middle of the National Forest. My home was a creaky, non-air-conditioned cabin, which I shared with 11 other girls.

It was hot, it was smelly and my days were filled with that special brand of pubescent drama.

I had the time of my life, and perhaps more importantly, I met some of the most interesting people that have ever walked this earth (probably).

Being a fine arts camp, it attracted many musical prodigies. Some kids had been playing the piano or the violin since they were 20 months old, but others came to camp to try something new.

In recent years, this camp has become a safe haven for kids from many walks of life. Granted, most of them are Christian, middle class kids from the suburbs of Chicago or Detroit, but others came all the way from California, Florida and even Europe.

During my time as a counselor and creative writing teacher, I had kids who identified themselves as nonbinary, I had a few self-proclaimed witches and I had a few run-ins with camper who identified as a cat.

This cat, who will remain nameless, is one of the reasons I wrote this column.

My own biases against this cat are my own. She would run off the paths into poison-ivy territory and hiss at me when I politely asked her to stop.



Abigail Carlin

and watched in silent horror as she consumed her favorite condiment of all time: mustard.

This girl loved mustard. Even as early as the first night of camp, on chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese night, she stole approximately 15 packets of mustard right in front of my face.

Thinking this was just a typical "first-night away from home mini-rebellion," I made a joke about how barbeque sauce better highlights the smoky nature of chicken. It was then that it all became clear; she looked at me dead in the eyes and said,

"Mustard is my coffee."

To put it in accurate, more colloquial terms, I was shook. Mustard? Coffee? She must have sensed my confusion because she smiled and clarified,

Mustard makes me happy and gives me energy, just like coffee probably does for you. It tastes

good and is low in calories, and look, it's free."

She was right. Mustard is free, and to her, it tastes good. Mustard was a readily available resource and she took full advantage of her position as a camper in a dining hall. We discussed how it is unfair to others to take all the mustard, and she understood, so she would take maybe 4 to 5 a meal and keep the extras with her at all times. When she was stressed out, she ate a packet of mustard. When she was sleepy in her rehearsals, she snuck a mustard packet at break time.

And you know what? All the power to her.

In our adolescence and early adulthood, we try so hard to balance individuality, professionalism and marketability.

On this campus, we do our best to marry our passions to some profession that will provide for us.

We all used to be scraped-knee, knotty hair, dirt-covered kids but somewhere along the line we traded sneakers for dress shoes and grew up.

Adulthood is scary and lonely at times, but I will be forever thankful for my 10 weeks in the bubble that was camp. I remembered what it was like to be a kid and not care what others thought. In that bubble, I found that kid I used to be, and that realization was kind of bitter-sweet, kind of like mustard.

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Coming out is a lifelong process

As I write this article, the newsroom is celebrating National Coming Out Day.

"Celebrating" is not actually the best way to put it. Work continues as usual. We looked up for a moment upon remembering the holiday and laughed about how little it impacts us now.

As a queer person, my first Coming Out Day was the most important, and many other queer folks feel the same way. The anxiety of planning your announcement, the inspirational stories you load yourself up with to steel your resolve, the careful wording you rehearse to describe yourself to the world... all of that makes a first Coming Out Day nerve-racking in the best and the worst way.

In my case, the first Coming Out Day was a little lackluster. I tried too hard to make my announcement flippant and wound up sounding like a joke. Three weeks later, I had to come out a second time to the same people.

On the second and third Coming Out Days, I re-affirmed myself on Facebook, updating my more distant family and friends to my personal revelations. These affirmations went over well and were largely lost to the tide of social media, buried under updates about school and exams and, later, recipe videos.

But today, on my fourth Coming Out Day



Shelby Niehaus

as an openly queer person, I nearly forgot the occasion. I made a joking announcement to the newsroom about my status (as if my coworkers did not already know) and continued on with my day.

For queer folks, Coming Out Day quickly loses its luster because coming out is a lifelong, daily process for us. We have to constantly come out to each new person in our lives and sometimes we need to assert ourselves over and over to be heard. Some of us have to define and explain our orientations and worldviews constantly, stuck in the battle between making our true selves known to the world and giving in, accepting the word "gay" or "queer" as the only viable public identifier.

I love watching people celebrate Coming Out Day. The first public declaration is always fantastic: every year there are stories of success and renewed support. For those who do not get the support they need, I feel obligated to be present for moral support. Regardless of the outcome, a queer person's first Coming Out Day is often a big event.

But after that, I often feel sad as the novelty wears off. I wish dearly that we could retain the first Coming Out Day's magic, that a single day in the year would be enough for us, that we did not have to wile half our lives away explaining ourselves to the world.

To everyone who is celebrating Coming Out Day today: I am so very proud of you. Whether you came out as gay, transgender, asexual or questioning, this was a big step in the rest of your lives. The rest of your community is here for you, and we are prepared to support your future outings.

And to the queer folk who have it all figured out and managed to keep the first Coming Out Day's magic alive all this time: teach me your ways, and spread that positivity around for the rest of us.

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Karissa Light, an intern with the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity, teaches students how to be an activist for various causes at Activism 101 Wednesday night in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students learn advocacy in workshop

By AJ Fournier
Campus Reporter | DEN_News

Activism can take many forms, as students learned in Activism 101 on Wednesday.

Karissa Light, an intern with the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity, gave the presentation and spoke on six different topics of being an activist.

Light discussed civil disobedience, which is the refusal to obey certain laws by the government and showed examples of activists in the past who have used civil disobedience.

“The main thing for civil disobedience is you might get arrested and most who choose to enter civil disobedience fully knowing they might get arrested,” Light said. “It might be their whole goal.”

Light said another form of activism, protesting, is increasing on college campuses. She said an important part of a properly organized protest is behaving in a professional manner.

“First, you want to set a goal. What do you want to see change?” Light said. “Figuring out your target audience is the first step.”

Light also talked about how to reserve a space for a protest. She said knowing one’s rights and figuring out what a prime time for one’s target audience are

important factors in organizing it effectively. Social media campaigns can connect with protests to get the word out Light said.

“You have 1000 friends and your friends have 1000 friends so this gets the word out to everyone,” Light said.

She said contacting politicians about contentious policies happening in government is another way of being an activist.

“There are a variety of different ways to contact your politicians. You can write them a letter, call them, fax them or email them,” Light said.

Light said a way to contact them is through Resistbot, which allows people to message local politicians to express oppositions to government policies.

Consumer boycott, which Light said is meant to show grievances and problems to different organizations by not supporting them or buying their products, is another way to be an activist.

“The biggest is the NFL boycott, and people from both sides are doing it,” Light said.

After the presentation, Light showed two different case studies and got feedback from the audience on how they would handle certain situations in being an activist.

Light said that activism is important because in to-

day’s political climate, it has been coming up more and more often.

“This event came about because students on campus are starting to become more activist,” Light said.

She said most of her research came from experience and learning from prior activist demonstrations.

Mallorie Fonseca, graduate student for college student affairs, said she learned different ways of becoming an activist and it is important for students to be informed.

“We have a lot of students on campus that would like to protest and make a stand, with everything going on in the community and the entire U.S., so it is important to get this info out so they know how to protest and their rights,” Fonseca said.

Amanda Mead, a graduate student in counseling, said activism is becoming of increasing importance in light of the current political climate.

“I think being a student on campus, should I ever want to take part in protesting, I want to make sure I can go about it in the correct way so no one gets in trouble,” Mead said.

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» Searches

Gatrell said he will work with Glassman and the college deans to address future staffing needs on a case-by-case basis as new opportunities emerge, additional resources are identified and curricular needs arise.

“I would hope that we would have all of our searches done in mid-to-early spring,” Gatrell said.

Some positions, in clinical psychology and counseling, will be filled sooner because of an immediate need.

These new hires come after years of a significant drop in faculty.

According to data used by EIU-UPI president Jon Blitz at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, from academic year 2011-2012 to 2017-2018, there was a 34.1 percent decrease in faculty.

Between academic year 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, there was a 17.5 percent decrease.

Blitz said this percent decrease does not tell the entire story, as faculty losses were not uniform throughout the university.

Many have left as a result of the instability in the state as a result of the budget impasse.

Blitz said seeing his colleagues leave has been awful, and has had an affect on morale among faculty.

“We’re getting a hire,” he said. “That’s great — the provost has told me he’s committed to rebuilding. But how many years is that going to take?”

As provost, Gatrell said his priority is to move forward by expanding all of the units, but also making sure they have the intellectual talent and research capacity they need.

In his State of the University Speech, Glassman said he is committed to restoring the internal funding to faculty scholarship to past levels “and beyond” as soon as it is financially possible.

Blitz said faculty taking on bigger teaching loads to make up for a lack of staff impedes on research.

“I applaud them for doing what they can; but dollars are still so tight that they cannot commit the kind of money that really makes a difference,” Blitz said.

Douglas Klarup, interim dean of the College of Sciences, said the areas the college are getting new faculty in are ones where they are experiencing growth.

“Because of the hiring freeze, many departments have had to stretch their teaching resources, and so this will help alleviate that,” Klarup said.

To replace people who have retired, there have been temporary hires of Unit B faculty made to replace them in required areas. Current faculty members bridged over to make up for these specialties when they could.

But it has been awhile since the college has been able to do a more permanent faculty hire.

“We’re getting back into the normal process,” Klarup said. “As the year unfolds, staffing needs will change, we need to be flexible there.”

Chris Mitchell, interim associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said this academic year, he agrees that it is important for the University to budget very conservatively.

He declined to comment further, but did write in an email that the hires moves the college in the right direction per curricular needs.

“I’m optimistic,” Gatrell said. “I wish we had more resources, but I have reasons to be optimistic.”

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Joseph Melberg, a junior computer science major, studies in front of Java Beanery and Bakery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday night, while waiting for the French study tables to start. He said “Java” was his choice location for studying.

The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0907

- ACROSS**

1 One who settles arguments

8 Late bloomers

14 “Stay strong!”

15 “Awesome!”

16 Like some information on food labels

17 Lady Bird Johnson’s real given name

18 Newspaper unit: Abbr.

19 Plying with wine and roses, say

20 Old TV screens, for short

23 Like Nevada among all U.S. states

25 Non-P.C. suffix

26 ___ polloi

27 Laugh riot

28 Heading for the fence?

30 “Ta-ta for now!”

33 ___ to one’s ears

37 Scarlet stigma
- 38 Fish that’s being reeled in

41 Hit the top in Tetris, e.g.

42 Maker of Star Wars and Indiana Jones video games

44 Longtime record label for Elton John and Mary J. Blige

47 “Love ___” (Beatles song)

48 Sch. on the bank of the Charles River

49 Kingston dude

52 Veteran

54 Capital of the Land of the Midnight Sun

55 Optimistic bridge calls

57 They’re parked in parks

59 People who might greet you by saying “Talofa, afio mai!” (“Hello, welcome!”)
- 60 Word in many a personal ad

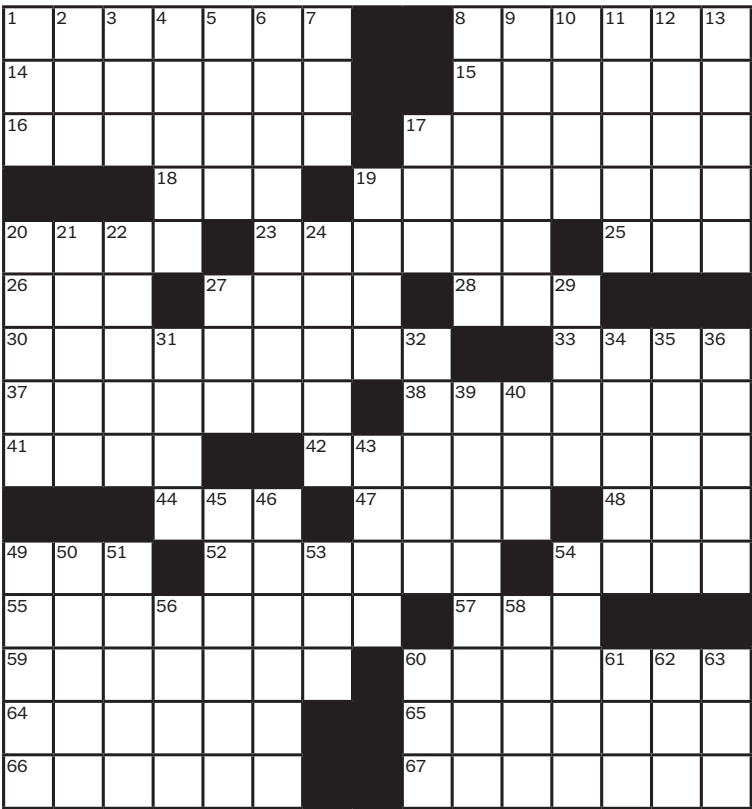
64 Brian’s pal on “Family Guy”

65 Former “Weekend Update” co-anchor

66 Hungers (for)

67 Its atomic number is 39

- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of order ... or a hint to this puzzle’s unusual construction
- 2 Stephen of “V for Vendetta”
- 3 OPEC units: Abbr.
- 4 Classic Camaros
- 5 Tropical tuber
- 6 “Nothing is easier than to denounce the ___; nothing is more difficult than to understand him”: Dostoyevsky
- 7 Boom box button
- 8 Visibly embarrassed
- 9 Reach, as an altitude
- 10 Push
- 11 Singer Gormé
- 12 Comes down
- 13 Retrieves, as balls
- 17 British runner Sebastian
- 19 ___ Gaston, first African-American manager to win a World Series
- 20 “Just relax!”
- 21 Loggers’ contest
- 22 Isn’t on the level
- 24 Queen, for one
- 27 Bit of a giggle



PUZZLE BY ALEX EATON-SALNERS

- 29 “___ yellow ribbon ...”

31 Modern educational acronym

32 Something you feel in your gut?

34 Things most people follow

35 Word before “Yesterday” in a Tony Bennett hit and “Tomorrow” in a Sammy Kaye hit

36 Green sauce
- 39 “That’s simply lovely!”

40 Brandy label letters

43 Ones calling people out?

45 Lead singer of Nirvana

46 Flared dresses

49 Old-fashioned

50 Almost circular

51 Setting of Hercules’ first labor
- 53 License to drill, for short?

54 Schindler with a list

56 “Hey there, tiger!”

58 Let it all out

60 Barnyard adjunct

61 “___ Ruled the World” (1996 Nas hit)

62 Opposite of old, in Oldenburg

63 It might precede a shower

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Panthers are prepared for Lewis University

By Adam Shay
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The Eastern men and women’s swim teams host Lewis University this weekend as they try and continue their success from last Saturday’s meet.

For coach Jacqueline Michalski, this is the first time, since she has been the Eastern swim coach, that the Panthers have a dual meet against Lewis. Usually when they swim against one another, it is during House of Champions in November.

Nevertheless, the Panthers preparation for this weekend’s meet is to continue their success while trying to improve in areas that need some adjustments. By adjusting some of those little things, the Panthers will progressively improve as the season goes on.

“At the meet, we noticed some of our break-outs weren’t good, our turns were a little off and we will make sure that we focus on those a little more this week,” Michalski said. “The objective is to get better every day and we work on the little things.”

A Panther swimmer who has been focusing on those little things is sophomore Jaelyn Williams. During practice, Williams has been one of those swimmers who has been improving on her break-outs.

“I have been focusing a lot on my under-waters and break-outs off of my start,” Williams said. “Making the most of every wall will help me drop time because it will give me extra momentum after each length.”

She said her goal is to improve her times on two of her events last week, the 50-free (27.95) and 200-free (2:20.11). For other swimmers, working on break-outs is not a main concern.

Freshman Scott House last week won the 100-free (48.71), however House is working on im-



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Senior Matt Jacobs swims the 100-Breast against Valparaiso Oct. 29 at the Padovan Pool. Jacobs broke the Eastern record later in the season at the Summit League Championships.

proving his 200-free (1:47.65) where he finished second. Compared to Williams, House has been practicing his endurance and finishing strong.

“I’ve been working on adjusting my mindset in practice to better prepare myself for racing, like finishing sets with the same energy I start with,” House said. “I try to focus on the small things so I can maintain my stroke.”

However, a win against Lewis is only a small portion of what the Panthers are trying to accom-

plish not only in the pool, but around it.

“We are doing a really good job this year of making sure there is a positive atmosphere on deck,” Michalski said. “We truly believe in blue and are doing everything in our power to push to get better every day.”

For the Panthers to continue their success on Saturday and the rest of the season, Michalski said there has been a better mindset compared to previous years. What has helped immensely for the

Panthers has been the atmosphere between freshman and seniors.

“Our freshman have come here and given a great youth to our team and a new level of excitement,” Michalski said. “They have helped re-motivate our seniors, which is making for a very dynamic and interesting atmosphere at practice.”

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Women’s soccer looking for first conference victory

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After getting its first conference point of the season Sunday, the Eastern women’s soccer team is still in search of its first conference win.

The Panthers tied with Tennessee Tech 0-0 in double overtime Sunday on senior day for the Panthers. Head Coach Kiki Lara said getting the conference point was important for the team going forward because it keeps the team in the hunt for a conference tournament berth.

Eastern is currently last in the OVC, five points behind the next-closest teams, Southeast Missouri and Jacksonville State. Jacksonville State beat Eastern Friday 1-0.

With only three conference matches left in the season, Eastern needs a win to help itself get in

the hunt for a conference berth because the top eight teams make the conference tournament.

And Eastern’s first opponent this weekend is Southeast Missouri.

The Redhawks have a 4-7-3 overall season record, with a 1-3-3 conference record.

The lone conference victory for the Redhawks came against Tennessee Tech in a 1-0 overtime win at Southeast Missouri’s home field on Sept. 15.

Like Eastern, Southeast Missouri has been looking for a win since then. The last time Eastern won was on Sept. 10 in a 2-1 non-conference victory over Western Illinois.

Since Southeast Missouri’s conference win, the team continued to grab a few OVC points through 1-1 double overtime ties with Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay,

all three of which defeated Eastern.

Eastern does not have any remaining home matches, so it will travel to Cape Girardeau Friday for the match at 6:30 p.m. Southeast Missouri is an even 3-3 on its home field, while Eastern has a 1-4-1 road record.

Sunday, the Panthers will travel to Tennessee to face the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks.

The Skyhawks have a 2-4-1 OVC record, with an overall 4-9-3 season record. As it stands right now, Tennessee-Martin is eighth in the OVC standings with seven conference points, meaning it would be the last team to make it to the OVC tournament if it kept that spot.

Like both Southeast Missouri and Eastern, the Skyhawks have not had a win for about a month. Their last win came Sept. 17 against Southeast Missouri. Tennessee-Martin got its first confer-

ence points in its other win against Jacksonville State, two days before the Southeast Missouri victory.

Also like Southeast Missouri and Eastern, Tennessee-Martin has gotten its other conference point with a tie, which came against Austin Peay, 2-2 in double overtime.

Sunday’s match against Tennessee-Martin is set for 1 p.m. for the Panthers.

The matchups this weekend will have more riding on them and will be tough because Eastern, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin, though Tennessee-Martin is the only of the three currently in postseason position, are fighting for OVC tournament bids.

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Eastern with big test at Murray State

By Sean Hastings
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Redshirt junior Bud Martin will be the third Eastern quarterback to make a start this season as injuries have plagued redshirt senior Mitch Kimble and redshirt freshman Scotty Gilkey Jr.

Gilkey Jr. was injured in the first half of the Panthers' 24-23 win over Tennessee Tech last Saturday and did not practice Wednesday.

Head coach Kim Dameron said he hopes to see what Gilkey Jr. can do Thursday and have him on the trip to Murray State.

"We're hoping that he'll be able to make the trip and dress out and maybe be a viable option," Dameron said.

Gilkey Jr. brings a different look to defenses with his ability to run the ball and take quarterback draws.

The Panthers are going to start with Martin, who had a big second half leading Eastern to a win last week.

This week has been Martin's first time approaching a game as a starting quarterback in an Eastern uniform. And after last week's 204-yard, three-touchdown performance in the second half, he showed what he can do.

"He's seemed real focused," Dameron said. "He's tried to have two really good days (of practice). He has a few things to iron, just timing and different things like that, but I thought he's focus has been really good."

Dameron said he would not expect anything less from Martin.

Martin played in last year's game against Murray State.

He was 7-for-14 passing, which included a 38-yard connection with sophomore running back Darshon McCullough.

Eastern ended up losing the game 40-38 and had to use three quarterbacks that day, as Kimble went down



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Junior running back Isaiah Johnson rushes in a touchdown against Indiana State Aug. 31 in Terre Haute. Eastern will head to Murray State on Saturday.

near the end of the second half in the midst of a 200-yard passing performance that led to two touchdowns.

McCullough and junior running back Isaiah Johnson will play a vital role in this week's game against the Racers to keep help out Martin.

"(Having a good run game) is always important," Dameron said. "We'll probably lean on them quite heavy in the run game. But we'll run our offense no matter which (quarterback) we have."

McCullough rushed for 86 yards last week with a 76-yard run, the longest of the season.

The run continued to build McCullough's confidence.

"Every play, each touchdown, just builds more confidence and momentum," he said. "I just wish I never got caught."

While the offense has been a whirlwind of emotions so far this season, but is finding its way, the defense has kept the Panthers alive and well.

Last week Eastern's defense let up two touchdowns on Tennessee Tech's first two drives, which was the flattest Eastern's defense has looked in OVC play.

The defense buckled down and those were the only touchdowns it let up in the game.

Dameron said it came down to players trying to do other player's jobs.

"If we'll get our guys up front to be able to play the run or put pressure

on the passer we'll keep our guys from in the back end of giving up chunks of yardage on big plays," Dameron said. "Our linebackers are key in the fact, especially in (Murray State's) type of offense and they're going to really test our linebackers to tackle in the open field."

Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. at Murray State on Saturday.

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Volleyball team on the road this week

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The Eastern volleyball team will play two road matches this weekend before returning to Charleston for another four-match home stand.

The Panthers will head to Morehead State Friday. Eastern sits three slots above the Eagles in Ohio Valley Conference standings, with Eastern tied for third with Jacksonville State and Tennessee-Martin at 3-3 in the conference.

Morehead State enters the match at 1-5 in the conference and 10-9 overall. Eastern is on a three-match conference winning streak and has yet to win in away match against conference opponents.

Morehead State has utilized a young roster for the most part in its last two matches. The Eagles were led by freshman Chandler Clark and junior Jordan Jones in their most recent match against Murray State. Clark turned in 19 assists and a team-high 16 digs. Jones earned a double-double, 16 kills and 20 assists to accompany her eight digs and seven blocks.

Jones, a setter, will be Morehead State's player to watch for. She has the team's second most kills on the season at 166 and has notched 16 services aces thus far. Eastern's main setter, junior Taylor Smith has earned similar stats this season with 154 kills and 12 service aces.

Morehead State won the last meeting between the two teams in five sets at 29-27, 25-16, 19-25, 15-25, 10-15.

Eastern will face one of the conference's

top teams Saturday when they travel to Eastern Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky is tied for first in the conference with Austin Peay, as each team is currently 5-1.

Eastern Kentucky recently ended Austin Peay's 11-match winning streak, as the Colonel's defeated Austin Peay 25-21, 25-14, 24-26 and 25-20. The Colonel's Celina Sanks is a dominating force in the front row for Eastern Kentucky.

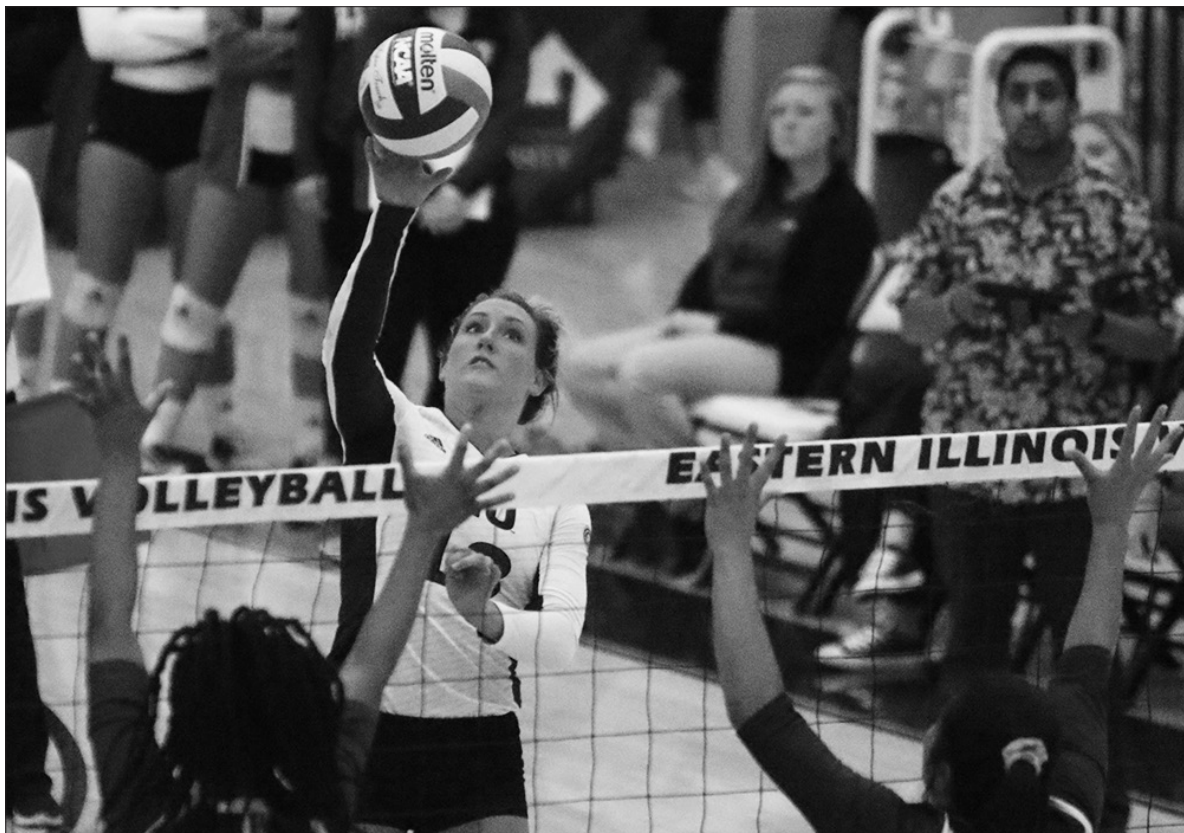
Sanks has a team high 212 kills on the season and has recorded 19 services aces. Leading in blocks for Eastern Kentucky are middles Kaylin Johnson with 50 and Ciera Koons with 57. Eastern's middle, senior Allie Hueston, has recorded 110 kills on the season.

Hueston was also recently named the OVC defensive player of the week. She earned the honor for her performance in last weekend's matches against Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin where she earned 11 blocks and 12 kills on the offensive side. The honor is Hueston's first of its kind this season.

Eastern Kentucky beat Eastern in the teams' last matchup. The Panthers kept pace with Eastern Kentucky, however, pushing the match to five sets (18-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-17, 11-15).

The Morehead State match will begin at 6 p.m., and the Panthers will play an afternoon match at Eastern Kentucky at 1 p.m. Next up for the Panthers is a home match against Tennessee Tech.

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Senior Maria Brown return a ball in the Panthers game against Tennessee State at Lantz Arena on Sep. 30. Eastern won the match in four sets, the first win in a streak of three.

There will not be a Friday edition of *The Daily Eastern News* because of fall break. For coverage of the weekend sports visit dailyeasternnews.com